of India. The Detailed project report for this project was received in February, 2005 and the 'in-principle' approval for this project was given by the Planning Commission in April, 2005. The State Government has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. The requirement of financial assistance from the Central Government, for this project, is to be considered under the scheme of viability gap funding announced by the Ministry of Finance. A firm estimation of the requirement of funds will be possible only after the bidding process undertaken by the State Government is complete.

(c) There is no viability gap funding in the Delhi Metro system. The total equity contribution from the Central Government is about 15% of the project cost. Excise and customs concessions have been granted for Delhi Metro System.

Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project

533. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1337 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 2005 and state:

(a) by when the comprehensive proposal for transforming the Mumbai City into a world class city whereunder Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-II, will be taken care of, is likely to be formulated;

(b) the number of meetings has so far been held in this regard; and

(c) the estimated expenditure is likely to be spent on the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The World Bank teams visited Mumbai twice last year and held extensive discussion with officials of Government of Maharashtra and with Task Force, appointed by the Chief Minister for preparing an Action Plan to develop Mumbai into a world class city. The World Bank team, which visited Mumbai from 8th to 21st November, 2005 has proposed a time schedule for Action Plan preparation relating to the Mumbai Development Action Plan. The proposed Action Plan involves action by State Government on a comprehensive package of key reforms, investing and financing. As per time schedule, prepared by World Bank, the Action Plan is expected to be launched in December, 2006. The State Government has been

requested to adhere to the time schedule. The likely estimated expenditure to be spent on the project will be available on finalization of 'Action Plan'.

Clearance to pending projects

534. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government implements some infrastructure projects on a 50:50 basis with State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many projects are pending due to non-availability of funds;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, all pending projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Undisrupted DMRC rail operations

535. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a snag hit Delhi Metro Rail run for three hours on line 3 between Dwarka and Barakhamba Road on 17th January, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure undisrupted service in all sections of DMRC rail operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The disruption was caused due a point problem at Dwarka station, which was not correctly set for the movement of a train and the train was stopped by the train operator over the point by applying emergency brake.

(c) (i) During non-revenue hours in the night, all systems and equipment including that of trains are extensively inspected and checked.